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PATENT

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In re application of:

Cech et al.

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METHODS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants request that the following amendment be entered prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-23 and 36-45, without prejudice to future prosecution.

Please add the following new claims:

-- 46. A cell comprising a recombinant polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence that encodes an hTERT protein or fragment thereof.

47. The cell of claim 46, that is a eukaryotic cell.